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In re: Application of : Olaf PICHLER, et al.  
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For : OPTICAL SWITCHING STATION AND CONNECTION  
METHOD FOR THE SAME

New York, New York  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee and before examination, kindly amend the above captioned application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Complete Listing of the Claims and begin on page 2 of this Preliminary Amendment.

A new Abstract of the Disclosure begins on page 6 of this Preliminary Amendment.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this Preliminary Amendment.